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CLAIMS:

1. A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

$$R^{1}$$
 N
 N
 $(R^{2})_{n}$
 $(R^{2})_{n}$

wherein:

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 R^1 represents branched C_{3-6} alkyl, C_{3-5} cycloalkyl or $-C_{1-4}$ alkyl C_{3-4} cycloalkyl; R^2 represents halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, cyano, amino or trifluoromethyl; n represents 0, 1 or 2;

- R³ represents –X-aryl, -X-heteroaryl, -X-heterocyclyl, -X-aryl-aryl, -X-aryl-heteroaryl, -X-aryl-heteroaryl, -X-heterocyclyl, -X-heterocyclyl, -X-heterocyclyl-heterocyclyl, -X-heterocyclyl-heterocyclyl-heterocyclyl-heterocyclyl-heterocyclyl; such that when R³ represents –X-piperidinyl, -X-piperidinyl-aryl, -X-piperidinyl-heterocyclyl said piperidinyl group is attached to X via a nitrogen atom; wherein R³ is attached to the phenyl group of formula (I) at the 3 or 4 position;
- X represents a bond, O, CO, SO₂, CH₂O, OCH₂, NR⁴, NR⁴CO or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

 R⁴ represents hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

 wherein said aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl groups of R³ may be optionally substituted
- by one or more (e.g. 1, 2 or 3) halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, oxo, haloC₁₋₈ alkyl, haloC₁₋₈ alkoxy, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, arylC₁₋₈ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ alkylthio, C₁₋₈ alkoxyC₁₋₈ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkylC₁₋₈ alkoxy, C₃₋₇ cycloalkylcarbonyl, -COC₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxycarbonyl, arylC₁₋₈ alkyl, heteroarylC₁₋₈ alkyl, heterocyclylC₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₈ alkylsulfonyl, C₁₋₈ alkylsulfonyloxy, C₁₋₈ alkylsulfonylC₁₋₈ alkyl, arylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyloxy, arylsulfonylC₁₋₈ alkyl, aryloxy, -CO-aryl, -CO-heterocyclyl, -CO-heteroaryl, C₁₋₆ alkylsulfonamidoC₁₋₈ alkyl,
- C₁₋₆ alkylamidoC₁₋₆ alkyl, arylsulfonamido, arylaminosulfonyl, arylsulfonamidoC₁₋₆ alkyl, arylcarboxamidoC₁₋₆ alkyl, aroylC₁₋₆ alkyl, arylC₁₋₆ alkanoyl, or a group NR¹⁵R¹⁶, NR¹⁵CO-aryl, -NR¹⁵CO-heterocyclyl, -NR¹⁵CO-heteroaryl, -CONR¹⁵R¹⁶, -NR¹⁵COR¹⁶, -NR¹⁵SO₂R¹⁶ or -SO₂NR¹⁵R¹⁶ groups, wherein R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ independently represent hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- 30 or solvates thereof.
 - 2. A compound according to claim 1 which is a compound of formula E1-E58 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 35 3. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises the compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1 or claim 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

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- 4. A compound as defined in claim 1 or claim 2 for use in therapy.
- 5. A compound as defined in claim 1 or claim 2 for use in the treatment of neurological diseases.

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- 6. Use of a compound as defined in claim 1 or claim 2 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of neurological diseases.
- 7. A method of treatment of neurological diseases which comprises administering to a host in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1 or claim 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- A pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of neurological diseases which comprises the compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1 or claim 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.